



PATENT

Applicant: **James D. Earthman et al.**
Title: **METHODS AND APPARATUS FOR DETECTING AND
QUANTIFYING SURFACE CHARACTERISTICS AND MATERIAL
CONDITIONS USING LIGHT SCATTERING**

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, Virginia 22313

Sir:

Applicants hereby petition the Commissioner for a two-month extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) in the above-identified application, thereby extending the period for responding to the Notice to File Missing Parts from August 25, 2004, to October 25, 2004.

Attached is a check for the fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(2).

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Respectfully submitted,

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